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FROM MADRAS FEB 09 REPEATED:

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SUBJECT: J B GERTZ, RENO, NEVADA

1. DR. G. RANGASWAMY, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, COIMBATORE, HAS APPROACHED US FOR ASSISTANCE IN CHECKING THE GENUINENESS OF A GIFT OFFER OF DOLS25 MILLIONS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM MR. J. BARRY GERTZ, 825 DE LUCCHI LANE NO. 269, RENO, NEVADA 89502 TEL: 702-825-7200).

2. J B GERTZ'S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 7, 1975 TO MR. RANGASWAMY DESCRIBEDS A PROPOSAL TO LIQUIDATE LANDHOLDINGS HELD BY A FAMILY TRUST AND GIFT THE ESTIMATED SALE PROCEEDS OF DOLS25 MILLION TO THE TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OVER A PERIOD OF 12 TO 15 YEARS.

3. DR. RANGASWAMY INFORMS US THAT J.B. GERTZ IS NOT KNOWN TO HIM OR ANYONE IN HIS UNIVERSITY. ON RECEIVING THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFER, DR. RANGASWAMY TELEPHONED MR. GERTZ WHO TOLD

HIM THAT HE LEARNT ABOUT THE TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY FROM SOURCES KNOWN TO HIM AND INVITED DR. RANGASWAMI TO VISIT HIM FOR DISCUSSIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY DR. RANGASWAMI ASKED HIS BROTHER IN THE U.S. TO CONTACT MR. GERTZ BUT MR. GERTZ COULD NOT BE CONTACTED.

4. THE TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY IS REPUTED TEACHING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES. IT HAD RECEIVED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE USAID UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PROJECT. DR. RANGASWAMI TOOK HIS PH.D. FROM RUTGERS STATE UNIVERSITY, NEW JERSEY IN 1956 AND VISITED THE U.S. DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1966 UNDER A STUDY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE USAID.

5. A PHOTOCOPY OF THE LETTER FROM J.B. GERTZ IS BEING POUCHED TO COMMERCE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: BEFORE TAKING ANY POSITIVE ACTION ON MR. GERTZ'S OFFER, DR. RANGASWAMI WISHES TO CHECK, AS DISCREETLY AS POSSIBLE, THE GENUINENESS OF THE OFFER. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COMPLETE FINDING AND COMMENTS BY CABLE ASAP. SIGNED EAVES

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